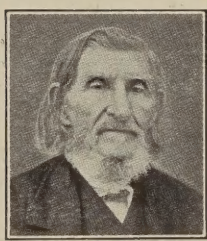


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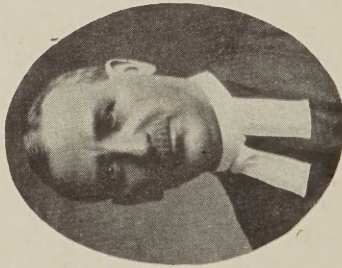


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A Bird's-Eye View of The Foreign Mission Fields of The United Lutheran Church

THE Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America is related to three continents, Asia, Africa and South America, and is responsible in part for their Christianization.

Some of our mission fields are small and must be enlarged.

Our Foreign Mission work challenges the very best effort of our Church.

India

THE intrepid pioneer, Rev. Christian Frederick Heyer, M.D., went to India in 1842, and laid the foundation for both our Guntur and Rajahmundry Missions.

The Guntur Mission Field lies south of the Krishna River in the Telugu area of the Madras Presidency, India. One hundred miles north of it, along the banks of the Godavery River and still in the Telugu country, lies the field which centers in Rajahmundry. The Guntur Field contains a population of approximately 1,500,000, and the Rajahmundry Field, 3,000,000, Hindus and Mohammedans.

How woefully undermanned both of these fields are, may be noted from the fact that in the one there are at present only eleven ordained men, an average of one ordained missionary to every 5,000 baptized Christians; and in the other there are nine men, or one ordained missionary to every 3,000 baptized Christians.

Of course the bulk of the mission work is and must be done by the native Christian workers, of whom there are 900 in the Guntur Field and 650 in the Rajahmundry Field, a total of 1550; but the expansion of the work is seriously retarded by inadequate oversight due to the shortage of foreign missionaries. Fifty new missionaries, men and women, ought to leave for our India fields within the next two years. Here is a subject for earnest and continual prayer.

The women's work has gone forward in

recent years with more rapidity than any other part, which is due to the splendid interest and support of our American Women's Missionary Societies. In the Guntur Mission there are fourteen, and in the Rajahmundry Mission eleven single women at work in their several departments. The story of their successful efforts in zenana, educational, medical, philanthropic and industrial work at the main stations and, more recently, at a number of out-stations, forms a fascinating chapter of our mission history.

The Jeypore District

IT is quite certain that the former Breklum Mission in the Jeypore District will be assigned by the Indian Government to the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America. Before the war forty missionaries were at work in this Mission with its 26,000 converts. During the war one of our missionaries has supervised the entire work. We are now appropriating the sum of one thousand dollars a month for the Jeypore District. After it has been definitely assigned to us, we must adequately man and finance it.

Burma

A CONGREGATION of Telugu Lutherans in Rangoon, Burma, numbering 350 members, mostly men, is in charge of a catechist. It should be strengthened and other congregations should be established in Burma, where many of our Telugu Lutherans find employment.

Japan

JAPAN is a great and important foreign mission field.

The Missions of the United Synod in the South and of the General Council, working in the islands of Kyushu and Hondo, are now united to hasten the Christian conquest of the land of the Rising Sun.

The main stations are Saga, Kumamoto, Fukuoka, Osaka, Toyohashi, Nagoya and Tokyo. Look them up on the map and see how strategic they are.

The baptized membership is 700.

There are eighteen Japanese pastors, evangelists and other Japanese workers employed in the united Mission.

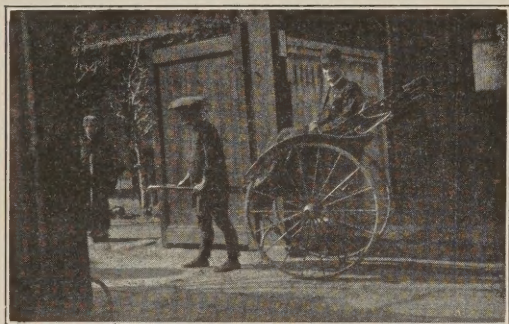
The educational work comprises Kindergartens, Sunday Schools and a large Middle School with a Theological Department. This school is called the Kyushu Gakuin. It is located at Kumamoto and has an enrollment of over 550 pupils.

There are ten missionary families and three single women at work in the Mission.

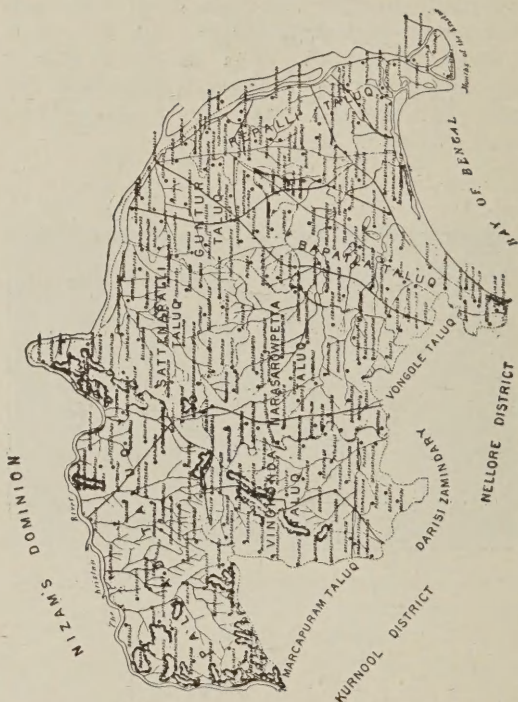
At the Peace Table non-Christian Japan ranks as one of the five great nations of the world. We share with other American Churches the sacred task of giving the Gospel to Japan.

American Lutheran missionaries have been at work in the empire for twenty-seven years,

but their number has been small and their equipment inadequate. Now that the whole United Lutheran Church in America is back of the enterprise, the next few years should witness the rapid and strong growth of our Lutheran Mission in Japan.

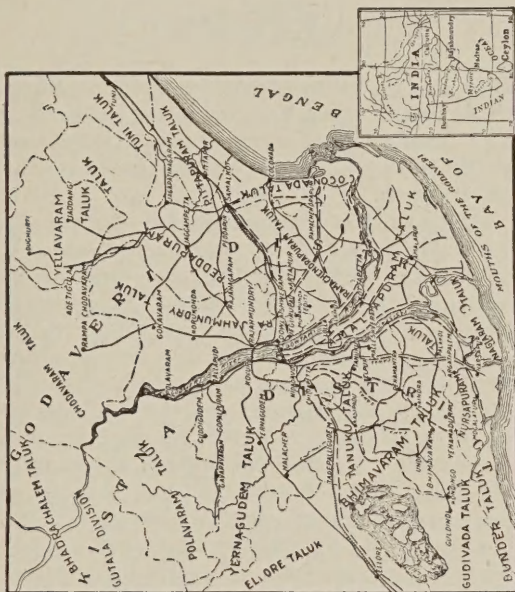


OUR TOKYO MISSIONARY IN A KUMURA



MAP OF THE GUNTUR MISSION FIELD.

The Kristna or Krishna River forms the northern boundary line of the Guntur Field. Taluq is the Hindu name for county. The town of Guntur is the county seat and the headquarters of the Mission.



MAP OF THE RAJAHMUNDY MISSION FIELD.

The Rajahmundry Field lies on both sides of the Godavary River. Right above the delta is Rajahmundry, a town of fifty thousand inhabitants, where the Mission institutions are located.

Africa

THE Mission in Africa is located in Liberia. Liberia must be free indeed! We must help to make it free through the Gospel of the great Liberator, the divine Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

The name of the main station—Muhlenberg—should be in itself an impelling incentive to missionary work. Another important station is Buhlo Pelle, where considerable progress has been made in evangelistic work. Work in the interior towns and villages is very promising and should be pushed with vigor. To give strength to the religious effort of the missionaries considerable industrial mission work is undertaken. A coffee plantation of one hundred acres is under cultivation. The educational work needs strengthening and there is much opportunity for effective medical work. Seventeen foreign missionaries, including wives of missionaries, are in this field. Six are ordained men and five are single women.

South America

GUIANA, South America, like all of Gaul in Cæsar's day, is divided into three parts:

British, Dutch and French Guiana. Our Mission is located in British Guiana. The main station is New Amsterdam, where a church was established by Dutch Lutherans in 1734. Outstations are located on the Berbice River in Ituna, Maria Henrietta and St. Luist. The communicant membership of these congregations numbers 335, "decendants of those who in early times came to the colony and are the result of the commingling of various races." In January, 1916, a missionary, ordained and married, was sent to take charge of this field under the direction of the Board of Foreign Missions. Others should be sent in order that the congregations already established may become centers of missionary effort extending inland among the aboriginal Indians.

Buenos Aires

THE Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church in America has just transferred the mission work at Buenos Aires, Argentina, South America, to our Board of Foreign Missions.

This mission was established two years ago by the Pan Lutheran Society. Rev. E. Ceder is the first and only missionary sent out by this Society. He is still at work in Buenos Aires. As soon as possible a second missionary will be sent to that city by the Board of Foreign Missions.

Home Administration

FOR the Home Administration of its foreign mission work the United Lutheran Church elected twenty-one men, thirteen ministers and eight laymen, chosen largely from the membership of the uniting boards. They have organized the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church, incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland, with headquarters in Baltimore. The office address is No. 21 West Saratoga Street, Baltimore, Md.

The officers and members of the Board are: REV. EZRA K. BELL, D.D., President; REV. PROF. C. THEODORE BENZE, D.D., Vice-President; REV. GEORGE DRACH, Recording Secretary; REV. L. B. WOLF, D.D., Treasurer.

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Members, whose term expires in 1920: REVS. DR. M. M. KINARD, J. E. BYERS, GEORGE A. GREISS, WILLIAM E. FREY, and MESSRS. W. FRED MONROE, CHARLES BAUM, M.D., AUGUSTUS J. HERRLICH.

Advisory members from the Augustana Synod: REVS. DR. L. G. ABRAHAMSON, F. JACOBSON and PROF. C. W. FOSS, PH.D.

The Work of the Secretaries

THE administrative work of the Board has been divided into three parts and to each Secretary has been assigned a part, whose major duties are designated as follows:

REV. CHARLES L. BROWN, D.D., Corresponding Secretary for Japan, Africa and South America, Mission Study, Out-going Missionaries, Shipments of Goods, Slides and Lectures.

REV. GEORGE DRACH, Corresponding Secretary for India, Patrons and Proteges, Literature and Librarian.

REV. L. B. WOLF, D.D., Home Correspondence Secretary, Missionaries on Furlough, Field Secretaries, Campaigns and Candidates.

The following is a summary of the statistics of our Missions:

Fields.	Mission- aries.	Native Workers.	Chris- tians.
1. Guntur, India	40	900	55,000
2. Rajahmundry, India ...	30	650	27,000
3. Jeypore, India	—	600	26,000
4. Japan	23	18	700
5. Liberia, Africa	17	19	225
6. British Guiana, S. A....	2	7	335
Totals	112	2194	109,260

The Supporting Home Base

WHAT the United General Bodies had done to support their foreign missions is indicative, indeed, of their interest and willingness in the past, but by no means of their ability or of their united participation in the future. Some of the more backward synods and sections will surely push their contributions upward under the stimulus of combined and enlarged effort, and all will be effected by the challenge of increased responsibilities and opportunities of service in the more zealous pursuit of the great task of spreading the kingdom and truth of Jesus Christ in the non-Christian world.

A survey of the needs of our combined foreign mission obligations calls for no less than \$350,000 a year, to be secured through apportionments during the next two years. For special objects, to be raised by special campaigns, about one hundred thousand dollars additional should be secured. Confident reliance is placed on the combined and increased interest and endeavor of the Women's Missionary Society and of the Laymen's Missionary Movement. It should not be beyond the range of the whole United Lutheran Church to offer half a million dollars each year to God for the coming of His kingdom to the non-Christian world.

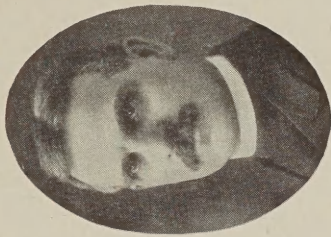
Then, as we sing and pray,
So let us GO or PAY,
And this our Motto make:
Christ for the World—The World for Christ.



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